

Scriptures for "The Story" Lesson 2 (Easy-to-Read Version)

Daniel 9:11, "All the people of Israel disobeyed your teachings and turned away from you. They did not listen to you. We sinned, so you did what you promised to do. All the curses and promises in the Law of Moses, your servant, happened to us."

James 2:10–11, ¹⁰ You might follow all of God's law. But if you fail to obey only one command, you are guilty of breaking all the commands in that law. ¹¹ God said, 'Don't commit adultery.' The same God also said, 'Don't kill.' So if you don't commit adultery, but you kill someone, you are guilty of breaking all of God's law."

Deuteronomy 6:25, "If we carefully obey the whole law, exactly as the Lord our God told us to, he will say that we have done a very good thing." **Deuteronomy 27:26**, "Cursed is the one who does not support this law and agree to obey it."

Romans 3:9–12, ⁹ So are we Jews better than other people? No, we have already said that those who are Jews, as well as those who are not Jews, are the same. They are all guilty of sin. ¹⁰ As the Scriptures say, 'There is no one doing what is right, not even one. ¹¹ There is no one who understands. There is no one who is trying to be with God. ¹² They have all turned away from him, and now they are of no use to anyone. There is no one who does good, not even one.'"

Romans 3:23, "All have sinned and are not good enough to share God's divine greatness."

Romans 6:23, "When people sin, they earn what sin pays—death."

Hebrews 10:1–4, ¹ ... The law tells people to offer the same sacrifices every year. Those who come to worship God continue to offer those sacrifices. But the law can never make them perfect. ² If the law could make people perfect, those sacrifices would have already stopped. They would already be clean from their sins, and they would not still feel guilty. ³ But that's not what happens. Their sacrifices make them remember their sins every year, ⁴ because it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."

Galatians 3:19–22, ¹⁹ So what was the law for? The law was given to show the wrong things people do. The law would continue until the special Descendant of Abraham came... ²¹ Does this mean that the law works against God's promises? Of course not. The law was never God's way of giving new life to people. If it were, then we could be made right with God by following the law. ²² But this is not possible. The Scriptures put the whole world in prison under the control of sin, so that the only way for people to get what God promised would be through faith in [b] Jesus Christ. It is given to those who believe in him.

Romans 3:19–20, ¹⁹ What the law says is for those who are under the law. It stops anyone from making excuses. And it brings the whole world under God's judgment, ²⁰ because no one can be made right with God by following the law. The law only shows us our sin."